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**Love Jesus as Ultimate  
#1 of 5— Nov. 4, 2018**

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- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God asking us to lean into?
- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you? What was your most significant takeaway?

3) Read Matthew 28:16-20. What strikes you about what Jesus says in His “last words” before His ascension? What were the implications for the disciples and what are the implications for those who call themselves Christians?

4) Reflect on the statements “We are devoted to what we love” and “We become what we love”. In what ways have you seen this to be true in life and in your life?

5) What captures your thinking, time, and imagination more than anything? What does this reveal about what you are devoted to and what you love as ultimate? How is what you love, shaping you in positive and negative ways?

6) What did it mean for the disciples in Matt. 28, to “worship Jesus as One with all authority”? What does it mean to love Jesus as ultimate? Why is loving Jesus as ultimate the true way to experience life, freedom, and purpose? Reflect on John 17:3. and Hebrews 1:3.

7) Reflect on the quote from James K. A . Smith. How does this view of discipleship challenge and encourage you?

8) Which one of the transformational habits resonates with you most deeply? What action step is God asking you to take to make these transformational habits a greater priority?



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## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

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With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor  
Nov. 4, 2018



Matthew 28:16-20 (NLT) 16 Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! 18 Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

#### What is a disciple and what is discipleship?

**Disciple:** A person who has decided to follow and learn from Jesus, so they become like Jesus, and engage in Jesus’ work and mission in the world. Disciples are students, learners, and apprentices of Jesus, who have King Jesus as their primary allegiance.

**Discipleship:** The intentional process to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

**Disciple-making:** The strategy to evangelize the world (share the Good News of the Gospel) to see God’s Kingdom come, by making disciples.

#### Disciples love Jesus as Saviour and King.

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#### We are devoted to what we love.

- What captures your thinking, time, and imagination more than anything else?

**Big Idea: We become what we love.**

- Love is like gravity, because it pulls us towards the object of our love.
- Your love will shape you because your love will change the way you live.

#### To be a disciple is to love Jesus as ultimate.

- What do I love as ultimate today? How is what I love shaping me?

#### Discipleship is a call to recalibrate the heart through transformational habits.

*“Discipleship, we might say, is a way to curate your heart, to be attentive to and intentional about what you love. So discipleship is more a matter of hungering and thirsting than of knowing and believing. Jesus’s command to follow him is a command to align our loves and longings with his - to want what God wants, to desire what God desires, to hunger and thirst after God and crave a world where he is all in all - a vision encapsulated by the shorthand “the kingdom of God.”*

*James K. A. Smith You Are What You Love*

#### Three Transformation Habits to help you mature as a disciple of Jesus.

- Read your Bible:
- Engage with Community:
- Worship Corporately:

#### How can I make these transformational habits a greater priority in my life?

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today’s 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation (NLT).*